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Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **DECEMBER 3, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella
Rita Hal

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Bigby joined the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Bigby, and unanimously carried, the minutes of November 19, 2008, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montañó reported on the following five (5) articles:

- “SP Teen Get Front-Row Seat to History, Daily Breeze, November 21, 2008, regarding Nikki Martinez, an eight grader at Dana Middle School in San Pedro, an alumna of the “Congressional Youth Leadership Council” who will be attending the Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C.
- “Two Are Arrested After Teen Shows Up In Chains”, Daily Breeze, November 21, 2008, regarding, a Girl Scout Leader and her husband who were arrested after an emaciated, terrified and nearly naked 17-year-old showed up at a gym with a chain locked to his ankle, saying he had just fled his captors.
- “Inmate Attacked at County Juvenile Detention Camp”, Los Angeles Times, November 22, 2008, regarding fights that occurred out of staff’s field of supervision.
- “County Turns to Charter Schools at Juvenile Camps”, Los Angeles Times, November 24, 2008, regarding County Supervisors creating charter schools at juvenile camps to give children multiple educational opportunities.
- “A Change for Juveniles”, Daily Breeze, November 28, 2008, regarding charter schools being created to help end the cycles of crime in county detention camps.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,092.83.

A donation of \$100.00 was sent to the “Tierra Del Sol Foundation”.

Staff Report

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- All Commissioners are required to attend mandatory Ethics Training.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

There was none.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2008, TO DECEMBER 2, 2008

St. Paul Group Home #3 – 55, #4 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore

The facility was visited on November 20, 2008, and the home is closed.

David & Margaret Home – 13, #3 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on November 21, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Murrell's Farm Boys Home (Murrell's East) – 39, #5 –Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on November 23, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Needs computers; bedroom #2 needs blinds and an entrance door; all bedrooms need closet doors; bedroom #3 needs smoke detector, bathroom needs a new sink; bathroom heater needs to be repaired; shower area needs a drain screen; garage needs to be cleaned; carpet needs to be replaced throughout the home; clothes hamper and extra trashcan needed.

Murrell's Farm Boys Home (Murrell's West) – 39, #4 –Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on November 23, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: One bedroom needs an entrance door; two bedrooms need closet doors; employee clearance needed for one employee working in the home.

Sherman Group Home (Tali Youth) – 54, #3 –Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on November 23, 2008, and the home is closed.

Sherman Group Home (Kudos Court) – 54, #2 – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on November 23, 2008, and the home is closed.

Macro Home #2 – 36, #2 – Commissioners Bigby and Hall

The facility was visited on November 23, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Heater needs cover.

Homes of Hope Group Home (Casa Esperanza) – 29, #2 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on November 24, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Several children need library cards.

Downey Cal-SAFE – Commissioner Bacio

The facility was visited on November 24, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Marina Del Rey Sheriff Station – Commissioners Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on November 25, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Needs turnout boots; needs an overlap person for coverage to reduce overtime; a TTY phone line (ADA) needed.

Heritage Group Homes #3 – 28, #1 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on November 25, 2008, and no one was home.

Manna Manor (Neptune Home) – 37, #1 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on November 26, 2008, and the home is closed.

San Gabriel Children's Center (Transitional Living 1) – 53, #2 – Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña

The facility was visited on December 1, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Oven needs cleaning; stove top doesn't fit counter top; debris in the drawers; kitchen cabinets need repair.

GLASS (Summer's Licata) – 25, #1 – Commissioner Montaña

The facility was visited on December 2, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Several children need library cards.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. in memory of Ethel Bradley and the victims of terrorist attack in India.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis

Commission Services Division